

## REMARKS

Applicant includes herewith an Abstract of the Disclosure. The current application is a 371 of International application PCT/EP2004/014538 which was published without an abstract.

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention to be examined and to eliminate multiple dependency in original claims 7, 10-12, 14, and 18. Original claims 1-19 have been cancelled. New claims 20-38 have been added.

No new matter has been introduced by way of this Preliminary Amendment.

Applicant's counsel remains ready to assist the Examiner in any way to facilitate and expedite the prosecution of this application.

If any additional fees are required by this communication, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 40593.

Respectfully submitted,

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